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Responsive to the
REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES of 02/10/2005

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Enclosure:

EPA Form 1010

Translation of the pertinent portions of a Notification Regarding Forwarding of the International Search Report and the Written Notification from the International Searching Authority, mailed 04/15/2005

This International Search Report comprises a total of six pages. Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

3. Lack of Unity of the Invention (see Field III)
4. Regarding the title of the invention the wording filed by Applicant is approved.
5. Regarding the abstract the wording filed by Applicant is approved.
6. Fig. 3, as selected by the Office, is to be published with the abstract, since Applicant has not suggested a drawing figure.

WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING
AUTHORITY

This notification contains information regarding the
following items:

Field I Basis of the Report

Field IV Lack of Unity

Field V Reasoned Determination under Rule 43bis. 1(a)(i)

Field VIII Certain Remarks Regarding the International
Application

Field I Basis of the Report

[no entries marked in this section]

Field IV Lack of Unity of the Invention

1. Upon the Request for Payment of Additional Fees,
Applicant has

paid additional fees.

3. The Office is of the opinion that the requirement
for unity of the invention in accordance with Rules 13.1,
13.2 and 13.3

has not been met for the following reasons:

see the attached sheet

4. Therefore the Notification has been made for
all parts

of the international application.

Field V Reasoned Determination under Rule 43bis. 1(a)(i)

1. Determination

Novelty

Yes: Claims 1, 2, 4 to 11
No: Claims 3

Inventive Activities Yes: Claims 1, 2, 4 to 11
 No: Claims 3

Commercial Applicability Yes: Claims 1 to 11
 No: Claims

2. Documents and Explanations:

see the attached sheet

Field VIII Certain Remarks Regarding the International
 Application

see the attached sheet

SHEET ATTACHED TO THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION

Re.: Item IV

The general idea connecting independent claims 1 and 3 with independent claim 7 consists of the following characteristics:

"A printing group of a printing press, having a forme cylinder and an inking system, which has a first, a second and a third distribution cylinder, as well as a plurality of inking and application rollers wherein, in respect to sequence of the ink applications to the rotating forme cylinder, a first, front ink path can be formed from the first distribution cylinder via the second distribution cylinder, and via the third distribution cylinder a second, rear application path for the ink can be formed."

However, a printing group with these characteristics is not novel, since it has already been disclosed, for example in each of the publications DE-A-199 56 149 and DE-A-44 39 144 (see the respective citations in the search report).

Therefore there is no technical connection between claims 1 and 3 and claim 7 within the meaning of Rule 13(2) PCT, so that unity as required by Rule 13(1) PCT has not been provided.

Re.: Item V

The instant application does not meet the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject of claim 3 is not novel within the meaning of Article 33(2) PCT.

Document DE-A-44 39 144 (D1) discloses (see the references in the search report) a printing group of a printing press, having a forme cylinder (14) and an inking system, which has a first, a second and a third distribution cylinder, as well as a plurality of inking and application rollers, wherein ink can be supplied from the distribution cylinder (4), which is first in respect to the sequence of the ink applications to the rotating forme cylinder, via a first, front ink path by means of an ink roller (8) and the second distribution cylinder (9), as well as along a second, rear application path along a second ink path located at the rear via the third distribution cylinder (10) can be supplied to the forme cylinder, wherein the ink roller (8) is arranged, movable in the inking system in such a way that, depending on its position, the front ink path from the first

distribution cylinder (4) via the second distribution cylinder (9) on the forme cylinder can be selectively closed or altogether interrupted.

It is not considered to be impossible in claim 3 that in D1 an interruption of the first ink path also requires an interruption of the second ink path.

Therefore the disclosure of D1 anticipates the subject of claim 3.

The subject of claim 7 appears to be neither anticipated nor suggested by the available prior art.

Re.: Item VIII

The subject of claim 1 is not clear within the meaning of Article 6 PCT, since the expressions "front" and "located at the rear" ink path lack a reference. In accordance with claim 3, these expressions should have been made more precise by the subordinate clause "along a sequence in respect to the ink applications to the rotating forme cylinder".

A claim clarified in this way appears to have been neither anticipated, nor suggested, by the known prior art.